

REMARKS

Please reconsider the application in view of the following remarks. Applicant thanks the Examiner for carefully considering this application.

Disposition of Claims

Claims 1-26 and 30 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 14, 15, 21, 22, and 30 are independent. The remaining claims depend, directly or indirectly, from claims 1, 15, 22.

Drawings

The Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to indicate whether the drawings filed on October 3, 2001, are acceptable.

Rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C § 102

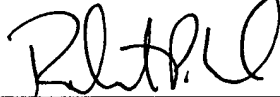
Claims 1-26 and 30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 (a) as anticipated by Wilson et al., "The whiteboard: Tracking usability issues: to bug or not to bug?" ("Wilson"). Wilson is not valid prior art to this application as evidenced by the attached revised declaration under 37 C.F.R. §1.131, which has been revised to meet the due diligence requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.131(b) and MPEP §715.07(a). As stated in the declaration, the present invention was conceived prior to the effective §102(a) date of Wilson (*i.e.*, June 2001), and constructively reduced to practice with due diligence exercised by the inventors. In view of the above, Wilson may not be used to support the aforementioned 35 U.S.C. §102 rejection. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Applicant believes this reply is fully responsive to all outstanding issues and places this application in condition for allowance. If this belief is incorrect, or other issues arise, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned or his associates at the telephone number listed below. Please apply any charges not covered, or any credits, to Deposit Account 50-0591 (Reference Number 16159/027001).

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